AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please change the heading at page 39, line 1, from "Claims" to --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

-- Claim 13 (new): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I)

in which

Q represents a group

$$R^3$$
 or R^5 R^5 R^5 R^5 R^5 R^5 R^5 R^5

- R¹ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfanyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; or represents -COR⁷, -CONR⁸R⁹, or -CH₂NR¹⁰R¹¹,
- R² represents C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkenyl, C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkyl, or C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkenyl, each of which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of

halogen, cyano, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_1 - C_8 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms.

- R³ represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or methyl,
- m represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,
- A represents O or CR¹²,
- R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R¹² independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl,
- R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,
- R⁸ and R⁹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₈-haloalkyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R^8 and R^9 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1 - C_4 -alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR^{13} ,
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represent C₁-C₈-haloalkyl or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³, and
- R¹³ represents hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl.

Claim 14 (new): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 13 in which

Q represents a group

$$\mathbb{R}^{2}$$
 or \mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{6} \mathbb{R}^{6} \mathbb{R}^{6} \mathbb{R}^{6}

- R¹ represents hydrogen; C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfanyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents -COR⁷, -CONR⁸R⁹, or -CH₂NR¹⁰R¹¹,
- R² represents C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkenyl, C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkyl, or C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkenyl, each of which is optionally monoto tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

R³ represents fluorine, bromine or methyl,

m represents 0, 1, 2, or 3,

A represents O or CR¹²,

- R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R¹² independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl,
- R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, halo-C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

- R⁸ and R⁹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, halo-C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R⁸ and R⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³,
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represent C₁-C₄-haloalkyl or C₃-C₆-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and which has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹², and
- R^{13} represents hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 -alkyl.

Claim 15 (new): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 13 in which

Q represents a group

$$\mathbb{R}^{2}$$
 or \mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{6} \mathbb{R}^{6} \mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{6}

R¹ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, pentyl, or hexyl, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or isopropylsulfinyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or isopropylsulfonyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butylsulfonyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxy-

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methyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, difluoromethylsulfanyl, difluorochloromethylsulfanyl, trifluoromethylsulfanyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl; or represents -COR⁷, -CONR⁸R⁹, or -CH₂NR¹⁰R¹¹,

represents C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkenyl, C₆-C₁₀-bicycloalkyl, or C₆-C₁₀-bicycloalkenyl, each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or isopropoxy, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butoxy, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, difluorochloromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, trichloromethoxy, or difluorochloromethoxy,

R³ represents fluorine, bromine, or methyl,

m represents 0, 1, 2, or 3,

A represents O or CR¹²,

R⁴ represents methyl or ethyl,

R⁵ and R⁶ each represent methyl,

R⁷ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, tert-butoxy, cyclopropyl; trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, or 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

R⁸ and R⁹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl; trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl, or

R⁸ and R⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle selected from the group consisting of morpholine, thiomorpholine, and piperazine, each of which is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and methyl, where the piperazine is optionally substituted on the second nitrogen atom by R¹³,

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxy-

methyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl; trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl, or

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle selected from the group consisting of morpholine, thiomorpholine, and piperazine, each of which is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and methyl, where the piperazine is optionally substituted on the second nitrogen atom by R¹³,

R¹² represent hydrogen or methyl, and

R¹³ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, or n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl.

Claim 16 (new): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I-a)

$$F_2HC$$
 N
 S
 CH_3
 Q
 H
 $(I-a)$

in which

Q represents a group

$$R^3$$
 or R^5 R^5 R^6 $(Q-2)$

R² represents C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkenyl, C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkyl, or C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkenyl, each of which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

R³ represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or methyl,

m represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,

A represents O or CR¹², and

R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R¹² independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.

Claim 17 (new): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I-b)

$$F_2HC$$
 N
 S
 CH_3
 Q
 R^{1-1}
 $(I-b)$

in which

Q represents a group

$$R^3$$
 or R^5 R^6 (Q-1) (Q-2)

- R¹⁻¹ represents C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents -COR⁷, -CONR⁸R⁹, or -CH₂NR¹⁰R¹¹,
- R² represents C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkenyl, C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkyl, or C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkenyl, each of which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

R³ represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or methyl,

m represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,

A represents O or CR¹²,

- R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R¹² independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl,
- R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,
- R⁸ and R⁹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₈-haloalkyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R⁸ and R⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³,
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represent C₁-C₈-haloalkyl or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³, and
- R¹³ represents hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl.

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Claim 18 (new): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I-c)

$$F_2HC$$
 R^3_m
 R^2
 R^1
 CH_3
(I-c)

in which

R¹ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfanyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; or represents -COR⁷, -CONR⁸R⁹, or -CH₂NR¹⁰R¹¹.

R² represents C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkenyl, C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkyl, or C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkenyl, each of which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

R³ represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or methyl,

m represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,

R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

R⁸ and R⁹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₈-haloalkyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R⁸ and R⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical CS8484 - 11 -

or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³,

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represent C₁-C₈-haloalkyl or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³, and

R¹³ represents hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl.

Claim 19 (new): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I-d)

$$F_2HC$$
 R^1
 R^4
 R^6
 CH_3
 $(I-d)$

in which

represents hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfanyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; or represents -COR⁷, -CONR⁸R⁹, or -CH₂NR¹⁰R¹¹.

A represents O or CR¹²,

R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R¹² independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl,

- R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,
- R⁸ and R⁹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₈-haloalkyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R⁸ and R⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³,
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represent C₁-C₈-haloalkyl or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³, and
- R¹³ represents hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl.

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Claim 20 (new): A process for preparing a thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 13 comprising

(1) reacting a carboxylic acid derivative of formula (II)

$$F_2HC$$
 G
 G
 CH_3
 G
 G
 G

in which G represents halogen, hydroxyl. or C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, with an aniline derivative of formula (III)

$$H_2N-Q$$
 (III)

in which Q is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 13, in the presence of an acid binder and in the presence of a diluent to form a compound of formula (I-a)

$$F_2HC$$
 N
 S
 CH_3
 Q
 H
 $(I-a)$

in which Q is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 13, and
(2) optionally reacting a compound of formula (I-a) with a halide of the formula (III)

$$R^{1-1}X$$
 (IV)

in which

R¹⁻¹ represents C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfanyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents -COR⁷, -CONR⁸R⁹, or -CH₂NR¹⁰R¹¹,

R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, and R¹¹ are as defined for formula (I) in Claim 13, and X represents chlorine, bromine, or iodine, in the presence of a base and in the presence of a diluent.

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Claim 21 (new): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising one or more thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 13 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 22 (new): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying an effective amount of one or more thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 13 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claim 23 (new): A process for preparing a composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising mixing one or more thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of the formula (I) according to Claim 13 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants. --

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